



Docket No.: 5043P024

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JIM MAO

Application No.: 09/874,738

Filed: June 4, 2001

For: **Method and Apparatus For Egress Channel
Architecture That Supports Protection Within
SONET/SDH Based Networks**

Art Group: 2665

Examiner: Nguyen, P.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully Petitions the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to June 24, 2005, from the Office Action dated February 24, 2005. The petition filing fee of \$120.00 and an Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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